



Non-Provisional Patent Application Specification:

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TITLE OF INVENTION

The Sitting Square Baby Support Cushion

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This invention was filed under a provisional patent application on 4-14-03, application number 60/462,531.

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Not Applicable

REFERENCE TO SEQUENCE LISTING

Not Applicable

BACKGROUND OF INVENTION

(01) This invention pertains to the field of support pillows and cushions, and in particular to support pillows and cushions that are suitable for placement around an object, in this case, a baby's and child's head, neck, and body. The U.S. patent Classification would be Class 5 BEDS, relating to devices intended to hold the human body in a prone, supine, or sitting position. The subclass would be 652 SUPPORT FOR USER'S BODY OR PART THEREOF, which includes "cushions" and art that requires some modification to materials to adapt them for body support.

(02) There are a number of other baby support pillows and cushions that provide support to the child's neck or body, however, only one was found that provides similar support that pertains to this invention by Susan Matthews, Application number 944629, filed September 14, 1992, class 5/655. Susan Matthew's invention is a tubular-shaped, oval pillow to support the child in a laying position or seated position, which also supports the child's back and/or arms while at rest or play. The problems with this support pillow is that the infant is not firmly supported by a 5" high firm foam cushion, which allows the infant to flop over sideways, nor does it provide a front support for the child who falls over frontwards. Other support pillows only provide support to the head and neck. Specifically, U.S. Pat. No. 4,679,262 (Davis), U.S. Pat. No. 4,285,081 (Price), U.S. Pat. No. 2,167,622 (Bentivoglio), U.S. Pat. No. 4,788,728 (Lake). A pillow designed for the support of infants and small children while asleep in a sitting position is disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 4,726,085 (Antonio). This device supports

only the head, not any other portion of the infant's body.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF INVENTION

This baby and child support cushion provides support on all four sides of the infant and child needing support to sit up or when learning how to crawl. It contains a center well in which the child sits, with four, flat surrounding 5 inch high, 6 inch wide surfaces on which the child can rest its head and neck when lying down or back and arms when sitting up or on which to rest toys.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING

The foregoing features and advantages of the invention will become more fully understood from the following description of the preferred embodiment of the invention as illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which like reference characters refer to the same parts throughout different views. The drawings are drawn to the following scale: 1 inch equals 1 foot.

FIG. 1 is a top perspective view of the square foam cushion with the following dimensions: 24" wide by 24" long, with a center hole region measuring 12" wide by 12" long. The top surface region measures 6" wide on each one of the four top surface areas.

FIG. 2 is a side view of the square foam cushion with the following dimensions: 24" long, 5" high. Each side measures the same.

FIG. 3 is a front view of the square foam cushion with the same dimensions described in FIG.s 1 and 2 showing the center cut-out well and inner sides of the well, which also measure 5" high all around.

FIG. 4 is a front view of the cover showing how the cover secures all around the inside perimeter with Velcro enclosures.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

A support cushion comprises a one-piece flame-retardant, polyurethane foam cushion body with the following dimensions: 24" square, 5" high, with a center 12" square cut-out region. A removable cover is disposed about the cushion body securing at the inside of the inner 12" square cut-out well by Velcro.

Previous inventions contained cotton filling stuffed within a tubular, oval or c-shaped pillow lacking firm support and complete surrounding support.